

Claim Status:

1-15 (Canceled)

16. (Original) A method of controlled dispensing of a material along a length of an elongated window component comprising:

- a) moving an elongated window component along the path of travel relative to a material dispensing nozzle at a controlled speed;
- b) delivering the material from a bulk supply to an inlet of a metering pump having an outlet coupled to the nozzle to dispense the material from the nozzle into contact with a surface of the elongated window component; and
- c) regulating the speed of the metering pump to control the rate of flow of the dispensed material from the nozzle.

17. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising monitoring the pressure of the material with a pressure transducer before said material is dispensed from the nozzle.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17 further comprising regulating the pressure of the material delivered to the metering pump based on the pressure sensed by the pressure transducer.

19. (Original) The method of claim 16 additionally comprising periodically stopping dispensing of material from the nozzle as a plurality of elongated window components move along the path of travel past the nozzle.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19 wherein the elongated window component is a U shaped spacer frame including an opening along its length and stopping the dispensing leaves the opening uncovered as the spacer frame passes the nozzle.

21. (Original) The method of claim 16 additionally comprising presenting a user interface which allows the user to adjust input parameters for dispensing material from the nozzle.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the window component is a U shaped spacer frame and wherein an input parameter is a width of said spacer frame.

23. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein regulating the pressure is performed to minimize differences in pressure across the metering pump.

24. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein monitoring comprises monitoring pressure on an inlet side of the metering pump.

25. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on the speed of a conveyor.

26. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on a type of elongated window component being processed.

27. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on a desired material thickness.

28. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on a spacer width.

29. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the input parameters include acceleration and deceleration of the metering pump.

30-31 (Canceled)

Please renumber and add new claims 32 – 41 as follows:

32. (New) A method of controlled dispensing of a material onto a window component comprising:

- a) moving a window component along the path of travel relative to a material dispensing nozzle;
- b) delivering the material from a bulk supply with a pump mechanism to an inlet of a metering pump having an outlet coupled to the nozzle to dispense the material from the nozzle into contact with a surface of the window component; and
- c) regulating the speed of the metering pump to control the rate of flow of the dispensed material from the nozzle.

33. (New) The method of claim 32 further comprising monitoring the pressure of the material with a pressure transducer before said material is dispensed from the nozzle.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 further comprising regulating the pressure of the material delivered to the metering pump based on the pressure sensed by the pressure transducer.

35. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein regulating the pressure is performed to minimize differences in pressure across the metering pump.

36. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on a speed of the window component.

37. (New) The method of claim 32 wherein the speed of the metering pump is dependent on a type of elongated window component being processed.

38. (New) A method of controlled dispensing of a material onto a window component comprising:

- a) delivering the material from a bulk supply with a pump mechanism to an inlet of a metering pump having an outlet coupled to the nozzle;
- b) dispensing the material from the nozzle into contact with a surface of the window component by driving the metering pump; and,
- c) regulating the speed of the metering pump to control the rate of flow of the dispensed material from the nozzle.

39. (New) The method of claim 38 further comprising monitoring the pressure of the material with a pressure transducer before said material is dispensed from the nozzle.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 further comprising regulating the pressure of the material delivered to the metering pump based on the pressure sensed by the pressure transducer.

41. (New) The method of claim 38 wherein regulating the pressure is performed to minimize differences in pressure across the metering pump.